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# The Church News

**OBJECT** *1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.*

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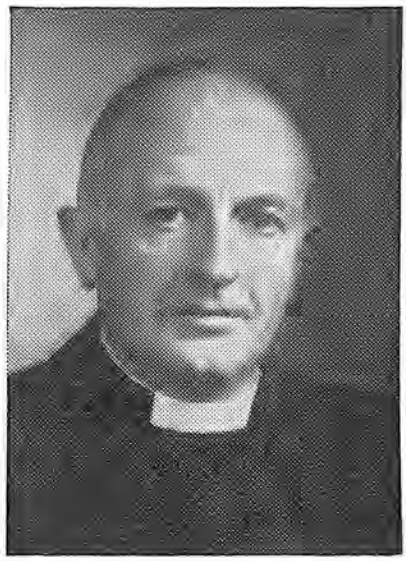
## THE PRESIDING BISHOP SPEAKS

For the benefit of those who may have missed it, or those who may wish to give it closer study, we print herewith the full text of the radio address delivered by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, on March 12th, when an effort was made to raise the sum of money needed for the increased budget of the national church.

Today it is my privilege to speak to many thousands of our Church people. It is not necessary therefore to argue the validity of Christianity and of the Church. Most of those within reach of my voice have been baptized into the fellowship of Christ. Many of us have stood of our own free will before some altar and have promised to be Christ's faithful servant unto our life's end. Many of us have been married with God's blessing through the Church. In turn we have brought our children to be baptized. At times of sorrow we have turned to the Church for God's message of comfort and everlasting hope. Again and again we have had the assurance of sins forgiven, and received the gifts of strength, of courage and of the peace of God. If we stop to think of what our lives would be without Christ, then we must realize how much we owe to the Church in the undergirding of our lives by the consciousness of the love of God. If this be so, it is equally true that we have not followed the direct commands of Christ. In time of need we have been happy to receive. But have we sincerely tried to understand what discipleship really demands and means?

Christ is the center of our Faith. We gain insight by living with Him. We stand beside the Master in the synagogue of Nazareth at the beginning of His ministry as He reads the words: "He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." We ponder again His words, the story of the prodigal son, the lost sheep or the widow's mite. We hear His decisive call to His disciples, "If a man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his Cross and follow me." We follow Him, sometimes afar off, to Jerusalem and to the tragedy of Good Friday. We experience something of the joy of the first Easter. We read the great words of the Gospel of St. John for as the first disciples thought about Him, they came to realize the eternal significance of His life. To them Christ was more than a wise man and a prophet. He was the revelation of the Eternal God for all men and ages. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Christianity has a cosmic and universal meaning. In this deepening experience of the Lord Christ the Gospel spread from consecrated life to life. From the ancient world to the newer lands of Gaul and Britain, the message was passed. Later on missionaries of the Cross planted the seed in the new world. You and I are worshipping in our parish churches today because of Calvary, Easter morning and because a noble line of the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ have not counted their lives dear. This Gospel brought to us at such a price cannot be patronized. Let the Church member who repeats carelessly the all too familiar statement, "I do not believe in missions" realize that the blessings of the Gospel have come to us through missionaries—not that Christianity should die with us. There is at the very least a noblesse oblige that the Good News should pass to our children and our children's children and throughout the world.



The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill
Presiding Bishop

Today Christ must be again the center of our Faith. There are powerful and sinister forces of evil around us and within. Yet millions of people are longing with pathetic eagerness for a better way. Men of vision through the inexorable pressure of events, have come to understand that the ultimate answer to the crisis of our times is not to be found in diplomatic maneuvering or in force of arms but in character built upon the spiritual foundation of faith in God and in His Christ. Our religion must be personal, local and parochial, but also there must be a

vision which embraces the nations of the world and all mankind.

We need today a Church strong in the sacrificial devotion of her people, if we are to meet the tremendous issues of our day. We have the framework of such a Church at home and abroad with many men and women of noble Christian character. But in general it is the few who bear the heat and burden of the day. We must mobilize the spiritual and the material resources of all our people. The times call for a manifestation of the compassion of Christ for there are still millions who need the barest necessities of life, as well as spiritual strength possible within the Christian fellowship. The program of world relief participated in by many Christian Communions today is an essential part of the program of our own church. The world needs redemption, the Gospel of the Good News — through Christian education and evangelism.

There are many encouraging factors of which I mention two. Never before have we had so many young men and women of high calibre volunteer for the service of the Church at home and abroad. It is incredible that we should continue to send such representatives on inadequate salaries and without essential tools. They give their lives, surely we can give of our means. Second, I am greatly enheartened by the large group of laymen who have carried out splendidly the task of telling the story of the work of the Church.

Today we are appealing for the sacrificial support of the program of the Church. I hear constantly the refrain, "Why doesn't the Church do this or that?" The answer is, "We do not have the resources," for after all you and I are the Church. The responsibility rests upon each one of us. It is my deepest conviction that here is the greatest cause given by God into the hands of men. Beside this all other causes are secondary. Let us ask ourselves, "Have we acted upon the primacy of the call of Christ?"

In the service today we have said, "I believe in God. I believe in Jesus Christ. I believe in the Church." If you do not believe these statements, then nothing I have said has relevance. But if you do, then there is the right to ask the prayerful dedication of our means and above all of ourselves to discipleship of the Lord Christ. A strong heroic Church will then meet gladly and victoriously the issues of our time.

# THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING

The Rev. Alfred W. Price and the Rev. Harold A. Hopkins, one of our Diocesan Missionaries, are members of the fast growing Order of St. Luke the Physician. The order was started last year by the Rev. John Gayner Banks, of California. Dr. Banks was instituted as Warden of the Order in St. Anne's Chapel, Willow Grove, and the Rev. Mr. Hopkins was instituted as Vice Warden. The order is open to clergy who practice or intend to practice spiritual healing in their parishes, and to all lay people who wish to help this ministry to the sick by their prayers and active help to those in adversity. We have asked the Vice Warden to give us the following statement:

"The prayer of faith shall save the sick." "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church."

The Church's ministry to the sick and afflicted through the "Laying on of Hands" and anointing with Holy

Oil, has experienced a tremendous growth during the past few years, owing to the consecrated efforts of a mere handful of Episcopal clergymen. These men, in spite of the general misconception of Holy Unction (anointing), due to the misuse of it by the Church of Rome, and the almost entire disuse of it by the Anglican Communion, persevered in their belief that the Divine Physician gave power and commandment to heal the sick, not only to the Apostles but also to their successors in the Apostolic Ministry.

Although from the very beginning the efforts of these men met with signal success, the movement was looked upon with suspicion by even their own colleagues, some of whom pictured it as a new form of Christian Science, or a charismatic gift to a few persons. However, as the truth about the church's ministry of healing became known, it was apparent that it had absolutely nothing in common with either so-called Christian Science or "Faith Healers." The healing power of Christ as exercised by His church is inherent in the office of priesthood. It is not an individual gift to certain devoted men; but Christ Himself healing through His earthly ambassadors. There are certain persons, not in Holy Orders, who do have a charismatic gift of healing; but these are very rare.

In the Diocese of Pennsylvania the movement started some fifteen years ago. The Rt. Rev. Wallace E. Conkling (now Bishop of Chicago) was one of its foremost exponents. Today many of our clergy practice spiritual healing either in their ministrations to the sick or in special church services. This diocese is now recognized as the leader in practicing and promoting the return of this necessary part of the church's ministry.

One of the first dioceses to officially recognize the importance of healing was the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Under Bishop Pardue's leadership they held a three-day conference, conducted by the Rev. Alfred W. Price, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. Dr. Price has conducted a weekly healing service for the past eight years at St. Stephen's with phenomenal success.

The first question usually asked by those who are not familiar with this part of the church's ministry is, does spiritual healing really heal? The easiest way to answer that question is "Come and see for yourself"—or if you are in adversity—"Come and experience it for yourself." The authenticated cases of physical healing experienced by those who practice healing are far too numerous to mention, and they include every type of illness—physical, mental and spiritual.

"In practicing the healing ministry of the Church," says one of its exponents, "there is only one danger; and that is that we may expect Almighty God to do what we believe is best for us, instead of expecting what He knows is best for us. Just as the Great Physician Christ taught us. Almighty God is primarily interested in our spiritual health; that comes first. He is also vitally interested in our physical health but that is only secondary. He wants us to be *whole*, not just *cleansed* from our physical infirmities."

The medical profession is also beginning to take cognizance of the necessity

for spiritual as well as physical health. As one of the leading medical men put it: "We must realize that man is not only a physical being, but consists of three parts—spiritual, mental and physical, and in order to heal we must treat all three. Many physical and mental ills are definitely due to a spiritual defect."

We of this diocese should be humbly thankful that our clergy are taking the lead in exercising the full ministry of Christ by once again setting forth the truth of the efficacy and necessity for Christ's healing power. Once again the words of St. James are heard throughout the church: "They shall lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover."

## GARDEN TOURS ARRANGED

A delightful garden afternoon has been planned by the May Fete Committee of the Episcopal Hospital. Prepare to enjoy visiting 5 varied suburban estates in the Chestnut Hill area on Sunday afternoon, May 7, (in case of rain the following Sunday afternoon, May 14th).

These following gardens will be open:

Mr. & Mrs. George Woodward, McCallum St., Chestnut Hill; Mr. & Mrs. William Clarke Mason, 601 W. Hartwell Lane, Chestnut Hill; Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Roosevelt, Sheaff Lane, Whitemarsh; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Toland, Church Rd., Whitemarsh; Mrs. T. Carrick Jordan, 9703 Seminole Avenue, Chestnut Hill.

The main garden will be open at the Woodward's in addition to the wall garden, and the studio at the Mason's, the house at the Toland's and Roosevelt's, and refreshments will be served at Mrs. Jordan's.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all garden lovers, and the garden Tours Committee is most grateful to the owners of these places for their generous co-operation.

Come and bring your family and guests. Subscriptions for the entire Tour will be $1.00, and may be obtained through your Parish Auxiliary President, at Church House, Woman's Auxiliary Office, or at the gate of each garden.

Please do not forget to save the day of Wednesday, May 24th, for the May Fete at the Episcopal Hospital. 11 A.M. to 9 P.M. Front Street and Lehigh Avenue. A variety of booths, meals, auctions and games will tempt every taste. Tours will satisfy every curiosity about the Hospital and its plans. Music will be furnished by courtesy of the greater Kensington String Band.

# THE NEW CURRICULUM

By Ann Adams

The course on New Methods in Christian Education being offered at the Philadelphia Divinity School commenced with an unexpected attendance on February 8th. In addition to the large number of graduate students and other clergy who are taking the course for regular credit, there were many clergy and women workers in the field of Religious Education who came to take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Dean Gifford opened the class with the sad news that Dr. Heuss, who had previously been announced as the leader of the course, was feeling too pressed with the exigencies of his present office and could not be with us. However, he has left the course in the hands of two able members of his staff, Canon Vesper O. Ward, Editor-in-Chief of the New Curriculum and Mrs. Dora

Chaplin, Associate Editor and author of the book "Children and Religion." Canon Ward will have the classes from February 15 through March 29, and Mrs. Chaplin from April 19 through May 17. Reading lists have been distributed, and for all those taking the course for credit, three book reports, one semester paper or project, and a final examination are required.

Following these preliminary announcements and the proposal that the class be held in the chapel because of its great size, Dean Gifford then turned the hour over to Miss Maude Cutler, who was exceedingly helpful in leading the group to an awareness of some of the most frequent problems in this matter of religious training of children.

Miss Cutler suggested the use of the Offices of Instruction as an outline for the Church School teachers' basic knowledge. What is really needed in the church today is conviction and conversion; and it was agreed by all that the main job of Christian Education should be the raising up of more individuals who really are converted and who can only become so by sure knowledge of the Church's faith.

The following week, Canon Ward presented a very realistic picture of the numerous and almost overwhelming difficulties under which the National Department of Christian Education has been laboring since its charge by General Convention (1946) to produce a new curriculum. Surely those present will think twice in the future before (1) expecting the curriculum to be produced over-night; (2) thinking it can be produced by a group of "experts" in a set of offices in Greenwich, Connecticut, or (3) criticizing the National Department for its slowness in getting materials to us.

Having given the physical problems which have beset the Department, Canon Ward then went on to state some of the more theoretical questions which should have been considered these past months by the Editorial Board and should well be considered by us all. Among the outstanding ones were: 1. Has the Church a common mind as to what constitutes educational reform? 2. What is an approved curriculum in terms of the ethos of the Anglican Communion? 3. How is the Christian Faith communicated? 4. Does the curriculum experience assume that a particular Parish Church is mainly the reflection of the secular community, or is it a reflection of the gospel community possessed of unique character and demanding a unique type of citizenship? 5. What should be the role of clergy, parents, parish leaders and teachers in a curriculum experience that proposes to face up to the crucial issues of life—i.e. sin and death? 6. How can our clergy and people be led to discover and analyze their educational problems in a real form and to feel the crucial pressure of these problems with such concern and conviction that these people are willing to share under grace in the travail of self-discovery and of self-commitment which are necessary to an experience of redemption?

These are only a few of the problems mentioned, but they paved the way in the class's thinking for Canon Ward's conclusion that the curriculum *must be* produced out of the ongoing life of the Church— *not at* "281"— but on the home and parish level.

## PROGRESS MADE TOWARD PROCURING CONFERENCE CENTER

Mr. & Mrs. S. Griswold Flagg have executed a deed to their estate in Radnor Township which will eventually make their property available to the Diocese for use as a Conference Center, where the summer conference for young people may be held, as well as other conferences throughout the year for laymen, members of the Woman's Auxiliary, clergymen, etc.

As Mr. and Mrs. Flagg will continue to make their home there, the property will not come into the full posession of the Diocese for several years. Between now and the time when we shall obtain possession, it is hoped that an endowment fund of $150,000 or more may be raised, the interest from which will be used for maintenance.

At its February meeting the Executive Council passed the following resolution: "Resolved, that the Executive Council approve the acceptance of the gift of Mr. and Mrs. S. Griswold Flagg with our heartfelt thanks for this gift of great potential usefulness to the Diocese for conferences and other purposes."

## CHURCH FURNITURE EXCHANGE

The Committee on Church Furniture of the Diocese of Pennsylvania lists the following articles which are available:

3 Bibles suitable for lecterns, 4 choir stalls, 1 baptismal font, 1 large hymn board, 50 combination prayer book and hymnal (old edition), 2 kneeling benches, 3 lecterns, 4 small organs, 1 large organ with bench and blower, 2 upright pianos, 2 prayer desks, 1 large pulpit, 5 sedilia, 1 coal stoker used only four years, 1 safe (10 ft. high weight, 2300 lbs.),

Please contact the Furniture Committee by calling Church House, SPruce 4-6650 if you are interested in any of these items.

## DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF JUNIOR CHOIRS

The Diocesan Festival Service for Junior Choirs will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 30th, at 4 PM at the Church of the Advocate, 18th & Diamond Sts., and many of the Junior Choirs of the diocese are already hard at work preparing their music. With several hundred children taking part, the Festival promises to be a thrilling as well as inspiring service. Mr. Newell Robinson is General Director of the Music; the Rev. Richard S. Bailey is Chairman of the Festival Committee, and will be glad to communicate the details to any junior choir director who has not already been advised. Address: 1005 Drexel Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.

The Service will be Evening Prayer, embellished with three anthems. Two of these are in unison and are to be sung by massed voices, viz. Eric Thiman's "A Song of Joy (Easter Song)" and Geoffrey Shaw's "The Lord my pasture shall prepare." The third anthem, somewhat more difficult, will be sung by the more advanced choirs only, i.e. W. K. Stanton's "Christ is the world's true light." All three are fine works, well worth knowing and singing.

# Bishop Hart's Message

Recently I recieved from a Vestry the following statement:

"A well planned meeting or series devoted to the make up and workings of the various committees and bodies of the Diocese is most important, so that vestrymen and other laymen may know and appreciate the problems and accomplishments of the Church in the Diocese and beyond. The only contact many vestrymen have with diocesan affairs is at Convention when, of necessity, business must be expedited. This often conveys the idea that everything is "cut and dried." Indeed, the feeling generally prevails that certain well organized minorities dictate policy, elect committee members and otherwise act in a manner undemocratic. It is realized, however, that, like in the governmental field, the disinterest of those governed is the only reason for the existence of the autocrat. All vestrymen should be invited, or even required, to attend these educational meetings."

The women of the Church have had their meetings on a diocesan level for some years. It is a most hopeful sign that one vestry should now suggest that similar meetings should be held for the men and *that all vestrymen should be required to attend*!! Recently, the Woman's Auxiliary held an evening meeting for all parish presidents who cared to attend. The attendance was large and they seemed to have a very good time. They were concerned with how they could make their parish branches more effective. The way things are going it is possible to imagine a similar meeting of rector's wardens and vestrymen eager to swap experiences and find out how they can make their parishes a stronger force for the extension of Christ's kingdom.

The vestry, from whose letter I have quoted, went on to say, "Our Church leadership must take advantage of the evangelistic zeal which is evident on all fronts today by conducting programs and meetings at the diocesan level which will closely knit together the various parishes and particularly their vestries." I shall do my best to follow up these splendid suggestions. Meanwhile it would be well for all vestries to check with their delegates to this year's Convention and make sure that they have sent in any nominations for diocesan offices which they desire to place before the Convention. Preliminary ballots have been sent to all delegates. If you are a delegate and have not received your ballot, please get it from your rector. Failure to make nominations is the basic reason why a select few seem to designate who will serve on the Executive Council and other diocesan Committees.

I hope that all our parishes have had a helpful Lent and will have a glorious Easter.

Faithfully your Bishop,

Oliver J. Hart

# PENNSYLVANIA LEADS THE CHURCH

Bishop Hart recently preached a sermon in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, which was broadcast over radio Station WIP, and which has brought an unusually heavy mail to the preacher.

In this sermon Bishop Hart stated that a Christian congregation is naturally one which is on fire with love for Jesus Christ and the desire to bring all into His fellowship. He said that there are congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania who are witnessing to their faith in Jesus Christ, and their willingness to sacrifice in His service. He cited statistics concerning giving for the work of the national church during 1949 which shows that our diocese led every other diocese in the United States in its support of the World-wide work of the Episcopal Church.

The bishop quoted figures relating to the four dioceses reporting the largest communicant lists and showing how much each one was expected to give according to quota calculations, and how much was actually given by each of the four.

| | *Communicants* | *Quota* | *Paid in 1949* |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 99,948 | $350,041 | $209,335 |
| Massachusetts | 80,406 | 186,516 | 186,516 |
| Connecticut | 71,275 | 126,585 | 123,559 |
| Pennsylvania | 68,224 | 213,769 | 213,894 |

# THE FIRST CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE

An interesting exhibit is on display in the Church House, showing the written and printed histories of many of the very early Churches. The Committee would welcome further historical information of all parishes in the Diocese.

The Parochial History Committee has discovered that about sixty Churches were established within the present confines of the Diocese of Pennsylvania during the first 150 years. The list is presented in chronological order for the information of our readers. At a later date those Churches which came into existence during the last 100 years will be published, provided the information is obtainable. It is interesting to note that four times as many Churches have been established during the last 100 years than those which came into being during the first 150 years.

The early Protestant Episcopal Churches in the present confines of the Diocese are as follows:

1695—Christ, Philadelphia
1698—Trinity, Oxford
1700—St. James, Perkiomen
1700—St. John, Concord
1700—St. Peter, Great Valley
1700—St. David, Radnor
1702—St. Martin, Marcus Hook
1702—St. Thomas, Whitemarsh
1703—St. Paul, Chester
1712—St. James, Bristol
1715—St. John, Kelton (New London)
1729—St. John, Pequea (Compass)
1760—St. Paul, Philadelphia
1761—St. Peter, Philadelphia
1764—St. John, Northern Liberties
1771—All Saints, Torresdale
1792—St. Thomas, Philadelphia
1808—St. Mary, Warwick
1809—St. James, Philadelphia
1814—St. John, Norristown
1818—St. Luke, Germantown
1821—Trinity, Southwark, later Zion
1822—St. Matthew, Francisville
1823—St. Stephen, Philadelphia
1823—St. Andrew, Philadelphia
1823—St. Mark, Mantua, later St. Andrew, West Philadelphia
1824—St. Mary, Hamilton Village
1825—Christ, Pottstown
1826—Grace, Philadelphia
1827—All Saints, Moyamensing
1828—St. Paul, West Whiteland
1831—Grace, Hulmeville
1832—St. Mark, Frankford
1832—Emmanuel, Holmesburg
1832—St. Luke, Newtown
1832—St. David, Manayunk
1833—Calvary, Rockdale
1833—All Souls, Philadelphia (Disbanded)
1834—Epiphany (merged with St. Luke)
1834—St. Andrew's, West Vincent
1835—St. Mark, Honey Brook
1835—St. Andrew, Yardley
1835—Holy Trinity, West Chester
1836—Zion, Spring Garden
1837—Ascension, Philadelphia
1837—Trinity, Buckingham
1838—St. Peter, Phoenixville
1839—St. Luke, Philadelphia
1840—St. Mark, Moyamensing
1841—St. Philip, Philadelphia now St. Mary
1842—Evangelist, Philadelphia (Disbanded)
1842—St. James, Downingtown
1843—Messiah, Southwark
1844—Advent, Philadelphia
1845—St. Paul, Doylestown
1642—Gloria Dei, Swedish Church
1733—Christ, Upper Merion, Swedish Church
1760—St. James, Kingsessing, Swedish Church

## LIFE BECOMES SIGNIFICANT
### An Easter Message
### By Bishop Remington

I am wishing you this day a bright and joyous Easter. Not simply because our winter has cast off its mantle and revealed to us the glories of flower and returning spring, but because on this Day the Stone was rolled away from Christ's sepulchre. I wish you the blessings of "God's Day," the message of an angel, "He is not here, He is risen as He said." Life becomes significant. Because He rose, we too shall rise. The dark shadows flee away. The curtain of our sin, suffering, and death has been lifted and we join a singing host to worship a victorious Christ. In and through Him, hope springs immortal. All nature comes to a new birth. Each bird in his leafy bower, every flower which gladdens our eyes in garden or in forest glen makes a melody to which our hearts respond.

My dear friends, this Day is meaningless until we make it God's Day.

Jesus lives; Christ reigns. We rejoice with you and yours.

Alleluia.

WILLIAM P. REMINGTON

## NEW BOOKS PURCHASED FOR THE DIOCESAN LIBRARY:

The Church School and the Parish House Building, Elbert M. Conover; The Creator and the Adversary, Edwin Lewis; Mr. Jones, Meet the Master, Peter Marshall; How Came Our Faith, W. A. L. Elmslie; Contemporary Thinking About Paul, Thomas S. Kepler; Christianity and Civilization, Emil Brunner; The Ministry, J. R. Span; Christ's Victory and Ours, F. C. Grant.

Other 1950 books were listed in the March issue of the CHURCH NEWS. If you are either a clergyman or a layman in the church you are welcome to use the Diocesan Library in the Church House. Watch the CHURCH NEWS for listing of titles.

# *Woman's Auxiliary*

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are happy to invite the men of the diocese to join us at the dinner which will follow the 76th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, Monday, May 22nd. However, early reservations will be wise. Numbers must be limited by space.

Perhaps we do not express often enough our gratitude to the men—both clergy and laymen—for their co-operation. No Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary can work effectively in a parish unless there is real understanding between the rector, or vicar, and the women of the group. We believe we can help you; we know that you can help us.

Holy Week is before us, when we again, thoughtfully and reverently, follow the Master along the way which he chose to follow—the Way of the Cross. But the Cross of Good Friday led to the glory of the Resurrection. To-day, we too have choices to make if we would have even a small share in the resurrection of a world where confusion, doubt and selfishness seem bent on crucifying order, faith and truth. Each step in the Passion of our Lord should be to us a symbol of the way by which we may win, in our hearts and lives the victory for which the world waits to-day—the victory over self. The air is filled with rumors of death and the destruction of things as we know them, but above these rumors there sounds a Voice, clear, firm and distinct speaking to ears attuned for it "I am the Resurrection and the Life!"

With such assurance in our hearts, may we greet each other, this Easter in the year 1950, with the joyous, confident, salutation of the first Christians:—"The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!"

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

## DISPLACED PERSONS

For two and a half years we have been trying to convert our duty to those unfortunate people known to the world as "Displaced Persons" (more often callously referred to as "D. P's") from the realm of thought to that of Christian action.

Our pathway was very clear, and many kindly people have reached helping hands across the barriers of language and nationality, but still there are all too many of us who "pass by on the other side."

Now we stand under a directive from General Convention; namely, that the Episcopal Church sponsor 1200 Displaced Persons by June of 1950 at which time the present Displaced Persons Law of 1948 expires.

There are many of the Eastern Orthodox faith in the Camps. They look to America and to the Anglican Communion. We seem very different outwardly, but there is real spiritual kinship in ideals of freedom and of religious conviction, similar to those which brought our forefathers to these shores. If we really believe that "Democracy is the flower and fruit of Christian faith and ethics," then we can do nothing less than share it. Five years is a long time to be homeless! Only those with great belief in Divine Guidance could endure so long.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary Department of Christian Social Relations has undertaken to sponsor a Displaced Family. Call Miss Florence Davies at the Church House for information concerning sponsorship. Will you help? Someone's future hangs by the thread of your decision.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING

This year the Committee in charge of the Annual Meeting has made plans of great interest for Monday, May 22nd, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square. The business meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. with reports, election and installation of officers, Evensong, and a program which will be of unusual value to all Church women. At 6:45 p.m. the meeting will be continued at the new Y. W. C. A. at 2027 Chestnut Street, where dinner will be served for $2.35 to the first 550 who make reservations. Men as well as women may attend; and it is suggested that the members of each parish and mission branch invite their rector and his wife to be their guests. All three of our Bishops will be there, taking part in the program, and during the dinner hour Mrs. Remington will lead group singing. Following Mrs. Beath's annual message, we shall have the pleasure of hearing from the Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue, Bishop of Pittsburgh. Surely this will be a red-letter day which no one will want to miss and which will fit the schedule of almost everyone, whether she is able to arrive early in the day or not. So mark your calendar now for May 22nd when every Church woman has a very important engagement, which will, we trust, be another step forward in the Advance toward One World in Christ.

## CANCER CRUSADE CAMPAIGN

The 1950 Cancer Crusade will culminate on the Second Sunday after Easter, April 23rd. Many of our Church people are already deeply interested in the purpose for which this Crusade is being waged. We have heard of requests being made to "omit flowers" and donate the cost of the floral tribute to the work of cancer research. It is hoped that the clergy will bring the matter to the attention of their people through parish publications or other forms of announcement.

An appropriate prayer is printed on page 83 of "Prayers New and Old" published by the Forward Movement of our Church:

O God, who declarest thy almighty power in showing mercy and pity and who revealest to men in each new discovery a part of thy truth; enable with thy grace, we pray thee, the dullness of our blinded sight, and grant a new vision to all those who serve thee in their search for the cause of cancer and its cure. Mercifully direct them in thy path of knowledge; grant them the realization that through thee all things are possible; pour upon them the abundance of thy inspiration, and finally lead them to victory, that the scourge of cancer may be ended, and that we, being freed from this burden of fear, may live continually in thy love and service, through thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE

Eastertide Quiet Evening at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Saturday, May 13th from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Conductor: The Rev. James Brice Clark.

Eastertide Quiet Day, Tuesday, May 16th from 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist until 3:15 p.m. Conductor: The Rev. Frank Damrosch.

Please make early reservations with the Sister-in-Charge, Victor 4-4612.

# Department of Christian Education

### Vacation Church School—1950—A Family Project!

Let's start now—get your teachers and parents together to evaluate your present program of Christian Education and to decide if this is the year to start that Vacation Church School you have always wanted. Many of our children and their parents do not go away for more than a couple of weeks in the summer. The summer months with their freedom—for good or for mischief—should be utilized. If you cannot plan for a three or four week regular Vacation Church School plan special projects that not only the boys and girls participate in but also their families. The Vacation Church School is considered, in the Church, the most effective agency for Christian Education. Why can't we invest these summer months for building more vital Christian family life? Parents are beginning to realize they have a big responsibility in the Christian Education of their children. Here is their opportunity to share in this common task. Both Mother and Father can be given, for short periods if necessary, certain tasks. Think this over—see its challenging possibilities and if you want further help call the Department of Christian Education, Church House.

Here is important date—

THE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTE for the training of leaders will be held six Saturday mornings beginning April 29th through June 3rd. Further details will be available later but start planning now with your leaders so that enough key people will attend so that a good program will be insured.

We have always advocated that any effective program of Christian Education requires much thoughtful planning—many weeks in advance—but we were amazed when attending the Annual Meeting of the International Council of Religious Education, Columbus, Ohio, early in February to find that the study theme for 1951 Vacation Church Schools has been fixed and detailed plans are being made. This is really long-range planning!

The theme for this year will be on the Life of Our Lord. There are several new Vacation Church School text books this year which are excellent and they will provide for an integrated well balanced program. Through such a program of Christian Education let us help our children to know the Christ and to make Him known.

### 1950 Conference of the Province of Washington to be at Hood College

The Governing Board of the Conference of the Province of Washington recently voted to move the conference from Sweet Briar College in Virginia to the campus of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. The dates will be June 11th to June 17th, from Sunday evening supper through lunch on Saturday.

The theme of the conference will be "A Church Educates Its People." The cost of the conference will be less than in previous years. President of the Governing Board is the Rev. Theodore O. Wedel of the College of Preachers in Washington. Chairman of the Program Committee and Dean of the conference is the Rev. Clifford L. Stanley of the faculty of the Virginia Theological Seminary.

*To Know The Christ* — U M C Y — *To Make Him Known*

### Dates—For All Young Churchmen

April 30 — Nationwide Corporate Communion of Youth. Bring together all young people in your parish 14-25.

May 13—Diocesan Youth Convention for all Young Churchmen 14-25 years of age. Watch for the program.

June 11—Presentation of the Lenten Offering.

June 25-July 1—Diocesan Conference for all Young Churchmen 15-25.

### Provincial Youth Commission Meeting

Joyce Schaffer of St. Luke's, Germantown, and secretary of the Diocesan Youth Council and Annabelle Harris, Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, and member of the Diocesan Youth Council were elected by the Council to represent this diocese at the annual meeting of the Provincial Youth Convention which will be held at Girls' Friendly Society House, Alexandria, Virginia, April 28th-30th. The Rev. Frederic R. Murray will be the adult representative. Our representatives, with representatives from all the 13 dioceses in this province, will work together on ways and means of making the 1950-51 theme for Youth in the Church—He in Us and We in Him—vital in the lives of all young Churchmen. Joyce and Annabelle will make a report at the Diocesan Youth Convention.

### Jesus Christ OUR Lord!

"He in Us We in Him" will be the theme for the 1950 Annual Diocesan Youth Convention to be held Saturday, May 13th—1:30 P.M. at Episcopal Academy. The Rev. J. Brooks Mosley, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Wilmington, Delaware, will give the key address challenging the youth of the Church—if they have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord— and believe that He is in Us and We in Him—to become what they are—in every day living—Sons of God!

### Presentation Service to be Televised!

Plans are in progress for televising the services of presentation of the Children's Lenten Offering at Episcopal Academy on Sunday, June 11th—4:00 P.M. This will truly be a great diocesan service for while thousands of our Church school children, teachers and adults are participating in the service and the children of the church in this diocese are presenting their sacrificial offering to our Bishop, other thousands unable to be present will be able to feel a part of the service by seeing it televised.

### Summer Conference to be in June

For the first time since 1941 the annual Summer Conference for Young People will be held in June. The dates are June 25th, 3:00 P.M. to July 1st, after breakfast, at Haverford College. Cost will again be $21.00. Conferences are considered to be the best agency in the Church for the Christian Education of young people and adults. Dare we neglect this opportunity? The education of our youth is the responsibility of the entire parish. Ask your congregation, your Woman's Auxiliary, your Men's groups as well as your Church School and Youth Fellowship to contribute to a fund for sending all your best young people to Summer Conference. Programs will be going out to you soon but we can tell you now that the set-up is to be excitingly different this year. It is healthy to make constructive changes, also challenging and fun to plan to use new methods and techniques that will do a more effective teaching job. Watch for the program!

# *In the Diocese*

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

When Bishop Armstrong was special guest at the annual dinner of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, he was presented with a very fine cake, which he shared with the members of the staff of the Church House.

The Rev. Nelson W. Rightmyer, of the Philadelphia Divinity School faculty, will conduct a preaching mission at the Church of St. Giles, Stonehurst, from April 2 to 5 (Holy Week). Service will begin each night at 8 p.m.

The 25th annual convention of the Y. P. F. of the Diocese will be held at Gloria Dei Church, Delaware Avenue and Christian Street, Saturday, April 29, beginning at 1 p.m. There will be a business meeting, election of officers, dinner, and worship service.

The Rev. William Jefferys will conduct a preaching mission in St. Luke's Church, Kensington during Holy Week, with services each evening at 8 p.m. from Monday, April 3 to Good Friday, April 7, both inclusive.

St. Luke's Social Club is open to all young people regardless of religious beliefs, in an effort to make the parish house available to the entire community every weekday night. Over 200 teen agers have joined the group, whose activities include basketball, roller skating, dancing, model railroading, scouting, dramatics, etc.

On Shrove Tuesday the Church School of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator presented a men's fashion show for the benefit of the Lenten offering.

The Woman's Aid of the Convocation of West Philadelphia recently held a card party and fashion show in a department store exhibition salon to make money for its scholarship fund to assist a student at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

In St. John's Church, Norristown, on the Wednesday nights in Lent the Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., gave a series of addresses on China, yesterday and today, and the possibilities of the future.

A teen age branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was recently formed at All Saints' Church, Crescentville.

The people of St. Stephen's Church, Clifton Heights, recently held a party in observance of the 83rd birthday of their rector, the Rev. George W. Barnes, when they presented him with a watch.

At the time of the burial of the Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox and Mrs. Wilcox, the family requested that flowers be omitted, and their cost forwarded to the Philadelphia Divinity School. The response to this suggestion was prompt from many of his friends. The amount is more than $500, and a fund in memory of the deceased has been set up at the seminary.

The Rev. Edward Daley recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of his rectorship at St. Stephen's Church, Wissahickon, with a special service at which the preacher was the Rev. Franklin Joiner, rector of St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets.

A silver ciborium given in loving memory of Amos Pashley was recently presented to St. Ambrose Church, Howard and Ontario Streets.

St. John the Evangelist's Church, Lansdowne, is planning to build an addition to the parish house this summer to house the growing Church School and care for other parish activities.

Over $12,000 is on hand in the new organ fund for St. James Church, Kingsessing. Vestry is planning to award contract soon.

The Rev. William J. Alberts, rector of Christ Church, Media, announces in his parish paper that he will gladly administer Communion throughout Lent following the Morning Prayer service to anyone who desires it. Such persons are asked to wait until the rector has greeted the parishioners at the door. Then he will return and conduct a brief service and administer Communion from the Reserved Sacrament which is kept perpetually on the altar.

The Media group of Alcoholics Anonymous is holding its regular meetings in Christ Church parish house one night each week.

The Pennsylvania Chapter, American Guild of Organists, held a birthday party in honor of Johann Sebastian Bach on March 21st at St. Paul's Church (Aramingo), 3825 Kensington Avenue.

In connection with the 12th anniversary of the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach as rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, gifts of cash which were presented were applied to the cost of the radio program conducted by Mr. Aulenbach.

A silk damask funeral pall has been presented to St. Paul's Church, Elkins Park, as a memorial to George F. Minter, Harry Field, and Elsie Craig Minter Field.

Paul Berger Alberts (fourth child, third son) was born February 14th to the rector of Christ Church, Media, the Rev. William J. Alberts and Mrs. Alberts.

Early next fall St. James Church, Evansburg, will be celebrating its 250th Anniversary.

The Penn's Manor Chapel, in Bucks County, is to be sold to make way for an industrial development. The proceeds from the sale of the property will be divided among ten churches in nearby communities, including All Saints' Church, Fallsington.

Charitable bequests in the will of the late Miss Clara H. Fagan included $1,000 for the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square.

Bishop Hart, assisted by Bishop Armstrong, Dean Lyford, and Dr. Long, held a service in St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, for the institution of the Rev. Hadley B. Williams as rector on February 14th. A reception was held in the parish house following the service.

Mr. Ernest Willoughby, organist at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr has announced that E. Power Biggs, nationally known organist, will give a recital on the new organ in this church on April 17 at 8 p.m.

Pancakes were served on Shrove Tuesday by an organization at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets. A number of dimes were placed in the batter. Persons finding the coins were presented with hand decorated boxes for their Lenten offerings.

The Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, was the preacher at a Church School service at 4 p.m. on Ash Wednesday in the children's chapel of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.

A memorial service for the Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Wilcox was held at St. Paul's Church, Chester on the morning of the day appointed for the burial service at St. George's Church, Ardmore. Dr. Wilcox was rector of St. Paul's Church from 1930 to 1946.

Two new linen veils for the chalice and patten, gifts of the local Chancel Guild, were used for the first time on March 5 at Prince of Peace Chapel, 22nd and Morris Streets.

At a recent meeting of the "Ball and Chain Club" at the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, seventeen couples renewed their marriage vows in a service conducted by the Rev. Lars R. Bache-Wiig, rector.

The Rev. John J. Evans, formerly on the staff of the City Mission, has become rector of St. Stephen's Church, Riverside, N. J.

Shortly before the beginning of Lent the people of St. Philip-in-the-Fields Mission, Oreland, held a very successful dance in the nearby Manufacturers' Country Club, for the benefit of the rectory fund.

The "Couples' Club" of Trinity Memorial Church, Ambler, held a square dance in the parish house, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

The Rev. Robert D. Morris, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, recently addressed the Lower Montgomery County Family Society in a meeting held at All Hallows' Hall, Wyncote.

The Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, rector of St. James Church, Prospect Park, has announced that he will spend three months at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, Puerto Rico, working among English-speaking people.

St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, joined with other Christian churches in the community in a week's preaching mission in February. The rector, the Rev. Robert H. Stetler, conducted the service preliminary to the preaching, at the opening service.

Miss Beryl M. Newman, executive secretary of the Diocesan Department of Christian Education, recently attended the Church School of St. Faith Church, Brookline, for the purpose of observation.

A fifteen room house adjoining the church property has been purchased by Trinity Church, Swarthmore, to be used for church school and parish house activities.

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## CHURCH NEWS SHOP TALK

The next issue (May-June) will reach the reader later than usual, because it will include a report of the Diocesan Convention. All other items to be included must reach the editor by April 1st. This May-June issue will be the last one until October.

## Y. P. F. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, Pa., where the Rev. N. B. Groton, D.D., is Rector, was host to the Third Province's Young People's Fellowship Conference on February 17th and 18th. More than 60 young people attended the conference and were entertained in the homes of St. Thomas' parishioners.

The conference opened with an inspiring talk by the Rev. J. H. Treder, of Hershey, Pa., advisor to the provincial group, on the subject, "What Does the Church have to Offer Its Youth?" The program included a discussion, led by Captain Fred Nussbaum, head of the Church Army Training Center, on the question, "Are the Youth of the Church Capable of Conducting their own Program?" Bishop Remington, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, spoke to the conference on "How Can Young People become an active part of the Church Family?" To learn the opinions of the young people on this subject, Albert Clark, President of the Fellowship in the Diocese of Harrisburg, led an interesting and enthusiastic discussion.

The spirit of this week-end conference proved that the young people are alert to their part in the Church's program and that they are making a real contribution toward the carrying forward of that program in each of their four fields of activity—Worship, Study, Service and Fellowship.

# SOMETHING FOR THE MEN

## BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW CONVENTION

The annual convention of the national Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., from June 26 to 30. Interests of both seniors and juniors will be met. Save the dates and be alert for further details.

## MEN OBSERVE OTHER MEN

A committee of Bishop's Men recently visited a group of fourteen men at St. Stephen's Church, Norwood to acquaint them with educational work among men. The Rev. David Holmes, vicar of St. Stephen's, with three of his men later visited a meeting of Christ Church Brotherhood, Ridley Park, to observe how the program works. They were entertained at a meeting of some thirty Ridley Park men held in the home of one of the men of the host parish. The topic for this meeting was "The Sacraments." The principal address was given by the Rev. William P. C. Loane, rector of Christ Church. There was also an extensive period of the meeting devoted to discussion, questions, and answers.

## THE BISHOP'S MEN GET AROUND

Representatives of the Bishop's Men recently made a visit to All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, for the purpose of contacting the members of the vestry and other interested men, to explain the operation of the new program for refreshing the men in the history, practices, and work of the Episcopal Church.

## LEADER FROM NEW YORK SPEAKS IN GERMANTOWN

In September, 1948, the Good Shepherd Forum for Men was organized at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, with a program of various topics presented. This year emphasis is being placed on subjects which will contribute to the Christian education of those who attend. In February the speaker was the Rev. Newell D. Lindner, of New York, associate director of the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work. The speaker in March was Dr. O. Spurgeon English, of Temple University, who discussed the relationship between psychology and religion.

## A QUIET EVENING AT ROSEMONT

The Annual Quiet Evening for Men was held at the usual time, the Saturday evening before Passion Sunday, March 25, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, from five to nine o'clock. The Very Rev. Lawrence Rose, S.T.D., Dean of the General Theological Seminary, New York City, was the Conductor.

## DR. BOSHER'S LECTURES TO MEN

Laymen from parishes throughout the Diocese of Pennsylvania are learning valuable information about the historical background of the Christian Faith from a series of addresses by Rev. Robert Bosher, Ph.D., of General Theological Seminary, New York. Dr. Bosher has been speaking at the monthly meetings of the Philadelphia Laymen's Union this year.

"The Reformation in England" was his subject on March 7 at the Church of the Annunciation, 12th and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia. Earlier addresses were devoted to the ancient and the medieval Church.

The Laymen's Union numbers about 150 men from many parishes throughout the diocese and representing all levels of churchmanship, bound together by a high regard for the Catholic principles of the Book of Common Prayer. Hon. Edward Leroy vanRoden, of Media, is president; Richard C. Wheeler, secretary; James Booth, treasurer, and the Rev. Philip T. Fifer, chaplain.

The next meeting of the group will be at 8 p.m. on April 18 at the Church of the Epiphany, 57th and Baltimore Avenue. Dr. Bosher will speak on "The Church of England After the Reformation." All men are invited to attend.

## DIOCESAN CONVENTION

**The opening service of the 166th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese will be held at 5 P.M., by order of the Convention of 1949, on Friday, May 5, 1950, in the Church of The Holy Trinity, West Rittenhouse Square, Phila.**

**A Diocesan Mass Meeting will be held in the Church of The Holy Trinity, May 5th, at 8 P.M., when the Bishop will read his Annual Address to the Convention and others will speak.**

# The Place of Laymen in the Episcopal Church

**Editor's Note—This article on Vestrymen is the fourth of a series dealing with the place of the Layman in the Church. Watch for others in subsequent issues.**

## VESTRYMEN

The place of laymen in the Episcopal Church is strikingly illustrated by the vestry. Vestrymen represent the parishioners in exercising the powers of the corporation of the parish.

The charter of the corporation, granted by the civil authority, specifies who may vote for vestrymen, and it is natural to assume that at least the same qualifications required for voting should also apply to those holding the office of vestrymen. The qualifications specified in the charter usually represent what we might consider the minimum requirements for men to exercise the office of vestrymen. Under the modern type of charter in Pennsylvania these qualifications are that the voters shall be baptized, over twenty-one years of age, worshippers in the church, and shall have contributed a nominal sum during the preceding year towards parish support.

The ideal situation is to have as vestrymen those who are not only "worshippers," but men who are regular in their worship beyond the average parishioner. They should be devout and faithful communicants. They should also be persons who show a keen interest not only in the services of the church on Sunday; but have an intelligent and sympathetic grasp of the entire program of the parish and of the church at large.

The vestry are the trustees of the corporation, usually holding title to the property, maintaining in good repair the church edifice, rectory, and other parish buildings, and keeping them well insured. It is the right and duty of the vestry to collect and disburse the entire income of the parish, to devise ways and means of securing the revenue necessary to meet all parish obligations, and to appeal to the congregation to meet deficiencies for current expenses. It is their province to determine salaries and regulate expenditures.

If the rectorship of the parish should become vacant, it is the function of the vestry to decide upon the clergyman who shall succeed to the rectorship. Before the actual election takes place the vestry is required to send the name of the clergyman whom it is proposed to elect to the Bishop of the Diocese, and sufficient time allowed (not exceeding thirty days) for him to communicate with the vestry thereon. Fortunately this important function of the vestry is one which it is not called upon to exercise very often; but when the need arises, blessed is the parish which has upon its vestry wise and earnest men who will take the trouble to select the right man for the place.

If some young man in the parish should desire to prepare for ordination, one of the first steps he must take is to obtain the recommendation of the vestry, and before his ordination is completed he must be certified to the bishop once or twice more by the vestry. The reseponsibility for electing delegates to represent the parish in diocesan convention is usually entrusted to the vestry.

With such a long list of functions of the vestry before us, we can see the important place which these laymen hold in prosecuting the work of the church. Intelligence, loyalty, and earnestness are necessary in our vestrymen if the best interests of the church are to be set forward. The rector cannot do his best work without the fullest co-operation from his vestry. When they hold up his hands his work is as the work of someone more than just an individual leader. The good vestry also sets the pace or standard for all the people of the parish. Because vestrymen represent the people who have elected them, their influence for good throughout the congregation can hardly be overestimated.

## SEMINARY PREACHERS

The following were the guest preachers at the Philadelphia Divinity School Evensong services during February and March:

February 9—Rev. Marion L. Matics, St. Andrews, Mt. Holly, N. J.
February 16—Rev. Richard K. White, St. Luke, Scranton, Pa.
February 23—Rev. William J. Alberts, Christ Church, Media, Pa.
March 2—Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., University of Pa.
March 9—Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, Bishop of Bethlehem
March 16—Canon Edward West, Cathedral of St. John The Divine, New York
March 23—Rev. W. P. S. Lander, Good Shepherd, Rosemont, Pa.
March 30—Rev. John H. Bomberger, Church of the Holy Apostles & the Mediator.

## CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

The Lenten season is not only a time for reflection, but a period when Church organizations, as well as individuals, should make a searching evaluation of their so-called "good works" with a view towards greater service to larger numbers. So it was, that within the past month, the Churchwoman's Club circularized its entire membership with some rather pointed questions, directed towards increased participation in the Club's many spiritual and social activities. Criticism was invited, and suggestions welcomed, and the answers proved that at least the primary objective was accomplished—members' interest was awakened. To those who have not yet returned the questionnaires, it should be said that Committee chairmen are still reviewing them, and there are still many interesting ways in which members can put their hidden talents to use.

Since Tuesday, April 4th, comes within Holy Week there will be no regular Club program for that evening, but programs for the remainder of the month will reflect that indefineable feeling that "spring is in the air," even if we did have a foretaste

of it in January. On Tuesday evening, April 11th, following the usual tea and supper, Mr. Henry N. Woolman will picture "Life on a Wyoming Ranch and Visits to some of our National Parks"; and on Wednesday, the 12th, the second card party of the current season—a dessert bridge—will be held at 1.30 P.M. The card party will not be restricted to "bridge"—several members are accomplished "canasta" players, and instructors as well. Members are reminded that these card parties augment the Club's fuel fund. On Tuesday, April 18th, Miss Helen Critch, soprano from St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, will entertain with a song recital, accompanied by Mrs. William X. Smith, wife of the rector of that church; and on April 25th, Dr. Jane Leslie Kift will really usher in the spring season with some timely hints on "Spring Work in the Garden."

Speaking of gardens, it is not too early to look forward to the Club's annual excursion—this year to Longwood Gardens (the duPont estate at Kennett Square) on May 27th, for which special notices will be sent out.

## UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Spring ingathering of the United Thank Offering from the women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be presented at a service to be held in the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 330 S. 13th Street, Wednesday, May 10th, at 8 p.m. In this connection, we have been asked to publish portions of an address delivered to a group of treasurers of the U.T.O. by the late Bishop Manning:

However small the gift may be that goes into that mite box, it represents a gain in the soul of the giver. Each one of those mite boxes which you succeed in placing, and which comes to be used conscientiously, as most of them do, stands for a spiritual gain in the life of the Church, greater, and more precious out of all proportion in the sight of God, than anything that the box itself may contain.

But this is not all. The woman whom you influence to give in this way is not only helped in her own soul, she grows inevitably in interest in the Church and in the Church's work. There will come to her, we have seen it come to many and many a one, a new realization of what the Church is, and also of her own responsibility for the carrying out of the Church's mission. The woman who is putting her gifts into one of these boxes will begin to feel the littleness and the poorness and the selfishness of mere parochialism, and few better things could happen to her than that. It would be impossible to speak too strongly about the evil of parochialism. It is the deadly curse of our branch of the Church; it is our great weakness, our crying evil; it is the contradiction, open and complacent, of the essential idea of that Church of which the New Testament tells us and in which we declare our belief each time that we repeat the creed.

And one point still further. The woman who gains a true view of the Church and of the Church's mission, and of what her own responsibility is for that mission, gains also a new sense of her responsibility to the Church's Head. I go so far as to say, therefore, that in getting the women of the Church to take those little blue boxes you are using a very simple and a practical but a very effective method of developing loyalty to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

The annual church service for the Episcopal Academy family will take place on Sunday, April 23rd, at 4:00 p.m. in the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr. The Rev. Thorne Sparkman, rector of this church and father of a boy now attending the Academy, will preach the sermon. This service will be attended by over 800 boys, faculty, parents, alumni and friends of the Academy. The boys and faculty will be part of the procession into the church.

On Maundy Thursday members of the Student Vestry will read portions of the Passion Narrative from the Gospels from varying parts of the Academy Chapel. These passages will be interspersed with appropriate stanzas from the Holy Week hymns.

The Rev. Elbert K. St. Claire, the Academy Chaplain, and James P. Foley served on the planning committee of the Philadelphia Area Student Conference, sponsored by the Northfield League. "Christianity and the Minorities" was the theme of this conference, which was held in the First Unitarian Church of Germantown. The principal speaker was Dr. Howard Thurman, of the Church for Fellowship of All Peoples, San Francisco.

The vestry sponsored an assembly program in observance of National Brotherhood Week earlier this month. Included on the program were films and filmstrips; Charles Bazemore, secretary of the Vestry, was the narrator for the latter.

The combined Academy Glee Club and Middle School Hundred sang at a special Lenten concert in the Grand Court of John Wanamaker's on March 15th. Episcopal was one of two schools to be so honored this year. The program was under the direction of Mr. Curtis York, Director of Music at Episcopal, and included several chorales by Bach and Handel and concluded with Schubert's "The Omnipotence."

During March the students ran a bazaar and White Elephant sale, familiar to all church-goers. Included in the program was an auction of the remaining goods and a midway run by the boys. Other highlights during March were Glee Club concerts with the Baldwin School and the Atlantic City Friends School; a trip to Washington by the American history class; and a parent meeting of 10th grade parents.

*Hatboro "Public Spirit" Photo*

Bishop Armstrong greeting Church People of all ages at the Church of the Advent, Hatboro, is typical of a parish reception at the time of the Bishop's visit.

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## ESSAYS ABOUT BISHOPS

It will be interesting to learn in the May-June issue of the CHURCH NEWS, which will appear soon after the closing date, April 30, of the essay competition sponsored by the Committee on the Fund for the Episcopate, how many boys and girls in their last two years of high school will have submitted compositions. It is not an unpleasant way to earn money. Even those who receive only one of the third prizes of ten dollars rather than the first of one hundred or one of the second prizes of $50., will be able to buy some longed-for item.

The number to submit essays will depend largely, of course, upon the publicity given the contest in our parishes and missions and in the schools within the borders of the diocese. On or soon after the closing date, and especially after announcement of the names of the winners, there will be some capable boys and girls who will be heard to say "I never knew!" We hope there will not be many of these.

## GROWTH OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND

At the end of 1939, when the Church Foundation took over the management of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate, the principal was $92,247.75. At the end of 1949, the principal had grown to $220,456.19. The income of 1949, applicable to the needs of the Episcopate, amounted to $8,244.82, compared with $2,952.62 for 1939.

But the Fund has been increased still more, and as of March 6, 1950, stands at $235,556.19.

As more and more people learn about it, the Fund is sure to grow. You may leave something in your will, if you are unable to make a contribution during your lifetime.

# GIRLS' SERVICE SPEAKER MEETS WITH TEEN AGERS

The Girls' Service Bureau was one of four agencies invited to participate in a series of four discussions on the Development of Personality with the Teen Age Club of the Frankford Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association of Philadelphia. The Teen Age Club is composed of fifteen girls whose personal and group relationships have intensified their zest for living, and at the same time introduced to all of them concerns that challenge their complacency. Now their eyes were open. They were excited and baffled. So in their desire and willingness to learn more about themselves and others, and what makes people what they are, they felt that a course that would help them to be "at ease" themselves would also help them meet some of the complexities which an ever widening circle of interests inevitably brings for each as individuals and for all of them as a club. Their own concerns and what they saw as immediate problems was where they decided to begin working. So with this basis of the Club's interests the four speakers started, each with a special phase to cover. One speaker discussed clothing, another good hygiene, still another developed the relationship of voice to personality. The fourth speaker, Miss Maybelle Cotten from Girls' Service Bureau discussed with the Teen Age Club "The Inner Self" in Personality.

By the Club's selection of guest speakers, they had shown rather clearly and thoughtfully that they realized that there is more to personality than meets the eye. By trying to understand the intangible—the emotions—in human make-up the youngsters had made quite a step in learning to understand the full meaning of friendship with its responsibility and in being a friend first in their own group and then in the larger fellowship of the community outside.

Our agency felt especially honored to have been extended an invitation to be a participant in such an important series and more than gladly accepted the opportunity offered. Girls' Service Bureau's work with teen aged girls through both its counseling and foster home placement programs puts it in a strategic spot to be "in the know" about girls in this age group and to be in readiness to respond to such a call to action.

Here was a dual opportunity for the agency to serve to capacity on the program itself, and to begin a sound job of interpretation of a service set up in the community for this group with youngsters themselves.

Miss Maybelle Cotten from this agency initiated with the Club a general but familiar framework that enters into the formation of personality in such a way that the material covered might provoke discussion of a deeper nature by the girls themselves. In this the meeting was most successful! The Club most enthusiastically engaged with the speaker and with each other not only on matters common to their own limited experience but on ones quite different as well. The stimulating questions and "answers" as well showed not only deepened and sharpened insight but also varying and delightful degrees of rare sensitivities on the part of the girls for themselves and for others. The manner in which each girl responded to concerns raised by another and to beg for an opportunity to share her reactions to a problem introduced set up a chain reaction for what proved to be a deeply stirring and well used session for both the club and the speaker as well. Before the meeting was over, it was not only apparent that this had been the girls' own meeting which they had used to further their own development through keen, active participation, but it was equally clear that something had been started which needed to be sustained to be deeply effective. The group later took the initiative to point that out by extending a return invitation for Miss Cotten to speak. The agency feels honored to be so favored particularly so since it was one of the two guests invited for a return engagement. We feel that we have with these two meetings with the Club sown seed in fertile soil in furthering awareness and concern for having and creating happy relationships and also in pointing out where these girls and others may go, and what they can do about problems that do arise to interfere with their inner well being. The importance of such contacts is not in immediate reactions or "results" although they are important. Instead, it is the understanding that is so necessary in bridging so many gaps in today's world.


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The churches of Lansdowne are holding a series of community services on Sunday evenings in Lent. The first was held in the Church of St. John the Evangelist on the First Sunday in Lent.

The Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, headmaster of the Church Farm School, has been re-elected as rector of St. Paul's Church, Glen Loch. He had previously held this position for about twenty years, beginning in 1927. He succeeds the Rev. James W. Rice, who is now in charge of St. Mary's Church, Dade City, Florida.

The women of Gloria Dei Church participated in a Friendship Dinner held recently in a department store dining room. Mrs. Edward J. Parnum presided. Speakers included Mrs. Henry J. Gideon, Deaconess Gertrude Stewart, Mrs. John Craig Roak, Mrs. G. Meckling, Mrs. W. A. Silliman.

The meeting of the International Council of Religious Education held in Columbus, Ohio, February 12-18, was attended by Miss Beryl M. Newman as one of the representatives of the Episcopal Church.

Recent improvements at the Church of the Resurrection, Mayfair, where the Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose has given twenty years to the steady growth of this thriving parish, include the following: new floors and new lights throughout the building, a thirty-foot dorsal flanked by paneling, seven cathedral lamps in memory of the seven young men from the parish killed in action in World War II, an additional room for Church School, and an additional room for the Women's Guild.

In connection with the 25th anniversary of his rectorship, observed on March 8, the people of Grace Church, Mt. Airy, presented to the Rev. Charles E. Eder a new automobile, a new watch, and to Mrs. Eder a silver bowl.


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The annual report of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, consists of 40 pages and has a circulation of 2,000.

Mr. Henry T. Dolan, a former vestryman of St. Giles Church, Stonehurst, and now president of the Philadelphia Assembly, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, recently returned to St. Giles to address the congregation at a Sunday morning service on "The Church's Work at Home."

Community services for the World Day of Prayer were held in some 75 centers in and around Philadelphia, including the following Episcopal Churches: St. Asaph's, Bala; St. James, Bristol; Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; St Paul's, Camden; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill; St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne; St. Paul's, Overbrook; Good Samaritan, Paoli; All Saints', Rhawnhurst; Trinity, Swarthmore; St. Mary's, Wayne; Holy Trinity, West Chester; St. Matthias, West Oak Lane; St. Thomas, Whitemarsh.

"The Church Times" of the Diocese of Milwaukee, recently reprinted in full an article appearing in the January issue of THE CHURCH NEWS on "The Place of Laymen in the Episcopal Church," dealing with Baptism.

The Rev. Franklin Joiner, rector of St. Clement's Church, recently conducted a retreat for priests in the Retreat House of the Redeemer, recently opened in New York City, and under the direction of the Sisters of St. Mary.

The March issue of the Y. P. F. "Spotlight" contained an editorial on "Building Character Through Lenten Customs," by the editor of THE CHURCH NEWS.

The Rev. Walter W. Ware, City Mission Chaplain at the Holmesburg County Prison, conducted a series of four lectures on the Book of Common Prayer on Wednesday evenings in Lent at Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg.

The Mary and Joseph Volunteers of Christ Church, 2nd and Market Streets, arranged a birthday party for Mr. Harvey Mertz the parish sexton, on January 24th. Mr. Mertz is 74 years old, and has spent the last 34 years in the service of Christ Church.

The Rev. George C. Anderson, since 1943 rector of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, has resigned to become rector of St. Luke's Church, Mountain Brook, Alabama.

Boys of St. Peter's Choir School have purchased an Episcopal Church Flag to be hung from the tower of St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets, on Saints' Days and Holy Days. The boys will be responsible for raising and lowering the new flag on the days it is used.

The Rev. Stanley R. West, rector of Calvary Church, Conshohocken, offered an invocation at the dedication of a new unit of the Alan Wood Steel Company in that community.

The annual Girls' Friendly Society Diocesan service for members and sponsors will be held in Christ Church, 2nd and Market Streets, April 27. Bishop Armstrong will be the preacher. Supper will be served by the women of the parish.


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The Rev. Stanley V. Wilcox, vicar of St. George's Church, Ardmore, and his wife, Edith Wharton (Dallas) Wilcox, were killed in an automobile accident near Elkton, Maryland, February 16th. The service for their burial was conducted in St. George's Church on February 20th by Bishop Remington, Bishop Armstrong, and the Rev. Richard T. Lyford, dean of the Convocation of Chester. Mr. Wilcox, a native of Philadelphia, graduated from the Philadelphia Divinity School in 1921. His ministry in this Diocese included St. Paul's Memorial Church, 15th and Porter Streets, 1922-30; St. Paul's Church, Chester, 1930-46; St. George's Church, Ardmore, since 1946. For a time he served as Dean of the Convocation of Chester, and during World War II was chaplain of 190th Field Artillery, U. S. Army, attaining the rank of Major.

The Rev. James Nelson Deaver, a retired priest of this diocese, died at his home in Trevose, Pa., on February 13th, and was buried from the Church of the Annunciation and St. Christopher, 12th and Diamond Streets, on February 17th. His ministry, beginning in 1895, was spent in Florida, West Virginia, and Atlantic City, N. J., before he came as rector of St. Thomas Church, Philadelphia, in 1927, where he remained until 1931. He then was in charge of St. Christopher's Church until the time of his retirement in 1937.

Miss Lucretia Miller, a life-long member of St. Thomas Church, died February 10th at the age of 100 years, 2 months, and 8 days. She was buried from her parish church on February 15th.

Mrs. Mary Emma Mathers, sister of the Rev. J. Wesley Twelves, died February 2nd and was buried February 6th.

Mr. Morrow G. Campbell, a vestryman of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, died February 7th and was buried February 9th.

Mr. William Mohr, sometime a vestryman at Christ Church, Ridley Park, died on February 14th, and was buried from Christ Church, February 16th.

Mrs. Roland S. Morris, widow of the former Chancellor of the Diocese and vestryman of St. Stephen's Church, died on February 22nd and was buried from St. Stephen's Church on February 25th. Bishop Remington and Dr. Alfred W. Price, rector, officiated.

Mr. Joseph S. Hebrew, formerly treasurer for several years of St. George's Church, Ardmore, died at his home in Brookline on February 26th and was buried on March 1.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Bagley, widow of the late Rev. John P. Bagley, died at her home in Upper Darby on March 8, and was buried on March 11. Her husband is well remembered for his service as assistant rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, and rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale.


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